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VISIT WITH EDWIN R. RUSSELL, SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT, APRIL 23, 1974

At the time that the human plutonium experiments were carried out in Chicago, Mr. Russell was a chemist employed by the Metallurgy Laboratory of the Manhattan Engineering District. In this function he collaborated with Dr. Leon Jacobson who at that time was in charge of routine ^{hematological} ~~hematological~~ surveillance of the employees in the metallurgy laboratory.

Mr. Russell stated that he was directly involved in this project ~~in the~~ since ~~that~~ he prepared the plutonium solutions for injection and acted together with a nurse as witness to the fact that the patient was or had been informed that a radioactive substance was going to be injected. The administration of this substance, according to ^{informed and} ~~the~~ consent, ^{discussed in} was not necessarily ^{for the} ~~to~~ benefit of the patients but might help other people. Subsequently, Dr. Jacobson injected the patients.

It is of interest that Dr. Jacobson instructed Mr. Russell to make sure that not all information on these experiments were in classified documents so that in case of legal action some information would be available to those involved.

Mr. Russell showed us the private notebooks that were kept during this period of time. As far as I could see, they contained information on preparation of the solution and other technical matters not relevant to this inquiry.

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Finally, it appeared from some of the remarks made by Mr. Russell that he knew of some of the other human plutonium cases indirectly and it is not clear at what time he obtained this information.

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